

BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of)	
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THOMAS C. EDWARDS, D.O.)	PROBATION ORDER
)	
Holder of License No. 1788 for)	
the Practice of Osteopathic)	
<u>Medicine in the State of Arizona.)</u>		

This matter having come on regularly for informal interview before the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery on the 8th day of April, 1988 the licentiate, THOMAS C. EDWARDS, D.O. holder of License No. 1788 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, being duly noticed and appearing in person, and the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery having conducted its informal interview of the licentiate and having afforded the licentiate an opportunity to be heard on the issues before it, and having considered all the material evidence in the matter, and being fully advised, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

II

THOMAS C. EDWARDS, D.O., is the holder of License No. 1788 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

III

THOMAS C. EDWARDS, D.O., for a period of at least two years, ordered cocaine for office use that he admits was for his own recreational use.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

IV

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over the licentiate pursuant to A.R.S. 32-1803 and 32-1855.

V

The conduct of Practitioner described in Paragraph III above constitutes unprofessional conduct as that term is defined in ARS§32-1854.A.5, habitual use of narcotic or hypnotic drugs, or both; and ARS§32-1854.A.23, use of controlled substances or prescription-only drugs unless provided by a medical practitioner, as defined in ARS§32-1901, paragraph 34, as part of a lawful course of treatment.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that THOMAS C. EDWARDS, D.O. be and hereby is placed on probation for a minimum of 3 years and allowed to return to practice under the following terms and conditions:

1. Practitioner shall attend at least 5 12-step program meetings per week.
2. Practitioner shall submit to random biological fluid drug screens upon request by the Board or its designee.
3. Practitioner shall appear before the Board upon reasonable notice.